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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question will have to be considered when reorganization of education comes into effect.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Can the Government give an assurance that when they consider the question, they will place them on the maximum of the secondary grade scale?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I am not in a position to give any assurance.

Supply of common and special forms by the Central Press

*44 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to the Government by the Panchayat Boards about the difficulties experienced by them in the matter of supply of common and special forms by the Central Press; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The State Union of Panchayats at its Fifth Annual Conference held on 1st and 2nd December 1957 has passed a resolution requesting the Government that the panchayats may be permitted to print the forms required by them in co-operative presses in districts, etc., as the number of panchayats increases day by day and much delay is caused in the supply of forms by a single company.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister kindly tell us, Sir, when the contract with the Central Press was entered into and when the contract is due to expire?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The last time when the contract was given was in the year 1955, and it is continued year after year.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government kindly consider the question of cancellation of the contract on account of the delay in complying with the orders for supply made by local bodies and panchayats?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : That is exactly what I said.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : What is the cause of the delay, if there is any delay at all? Is it because the Press is not able to cope with the work?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I want notice, Sir.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Is there any reason why the work cannot be entrusted to the Government Press?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government Press has a lot of work. There is also an idea of expanding it. As we are not able to get the machinery from outside, it is not able to do the work. But within two years we expect to get the machinery and then the Government Press will be able to do the work.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government examine the whole question and see if private presses could not be entrusted with this work at the district level?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : That is exactly what the Government are considering. The Government are considering the basis on which this should be done. This was the request made at the conference last year and it will be considered. The Government will see how best arrangements can be made.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

(1) COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

3-10 p.m. "That, with reference to rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1958-59."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That, with reference to rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1958-59."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that, in accordance with Regulation 2 (1) framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix the following programme for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1958-59 :—

Time and date for the receipt of nominations	**4 p.m. on 7th March 1958.**
Time and date for the scrutiny of nominations.	**11 a.m. on 8th March 1958.**